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In Re Application of: Shacklett et al.

United States

Application No: 09/349,737

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For: FABRIC PADS WITH A PRINTED DESIGN
AND A METHOD OF MAKING FABRIC
PADS WITH A PRINTED DESIGN

Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: Christopher C. Pratt

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Docket No.: 99-40132-US

DECLARATION OF DEAN R. SHACKLETT

I, DEAN R. SHACKLETT, do hereby declare that:

1. I am a named inventor in the pending United States patent application entitled FABRIC PADS WITH A PRINTED DESIGN AND A METHOD OF MAKING PADS WITH A PRINTED DESIGN.

2. I was involved in receipt of a request for a fabric pad, having print thereon, as is presently claimed in the above-referenced patent application, and was informed by the requesting company, in the course of receipt of that request, that no such pad having print thereon, in registration, as claimed in the above-referenced application, was available in the known art, and that the requesting company, and competitors thereof, had long felt a need for such a pad, having print thereon, as claimed in the above-referenced application.

3. Production of a pad, having print thereon, in accordance with the invention as claimed in the above-referenced application, has proven commercially successful.

4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further

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Date: July 30, 2002


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